

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph/section beginning on page 16, line 1 through page 16, line 14 as rewritten below:

In another type of transport box 10b, which is shown in Fig. 9, in order to open the box, only one front flap 36 of the box is swung out, whereupon the reticle 12 arranged in the box 10b also becomes accessible. For opening and closing this transport box, an input/output unit adapted to the type of transport box is provided in the input/output station 7. Reticle 12 may have a pellicle frame and pellicle 12P, though in alternate embodiments the reticle may be without a pellicle.

Please replace the section beginning on page 32, line 1 through page 32, line 14 as rewritten below:

desired resolution to detect scratches, damage to a pellicle mounted to the reticle, or large particulate matter on the reticle. Other examples of processing modules that may be installed in device 201 include, a module for measuring airborne molecular contamination, a module for reading identifying indicia (e.g. bar codes, alpha numeric codes) on the reticle or a pellicle similar to pellicle 12P in Fig. 9 mounted to the reticle. Yet other examples would be, modules for detecting flatness of reticle and pellicle (if mounted to the reticle), modules capable of "offline" reticle verification while the device is idle or in a standby mode, and modules to test a reticle to verify the integrity of the system (i.e. "golden reticle").